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Unsettled this afternoon and tonight; generally fair Wednesday; slowly falling temperature; moderate winds.											
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## DELAY OF COGNIGL MAY BE AVOIDED BY HIGHER FARE, SAYS MITTEN

**Warns Mayor Growing Deficit Must Be Met by Immediate Relief**

OPERATING SHORTAGE WILL BE \$1,500,000 BY OCT. 1

Moore Points to Letter as Showing He Is Not Responsible for Conditions

Unless the city sanctions a flat five-cent fare, effective October 1, the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. will be compelled to seek an even higher fare to avoid bankruptcy.

This was the message sent to Mayor Moore by Thomas E. Mitten, president of the company, as the Mayor was voting on the neutrality of the flat-fare question before Council's committee on transportation yesterday.

In making Mr. Mitten's letter public today the Mayor stated it should not be held responsible for the outcome if the flat-fare request was refused or ignored.

Mr. Mitten's letter follows:

"P. R. T. is facing a deficit for the current year which will be increased to approximately \$1,500,000 by October 1, 1920.

Transfers or exchanges, if made effective October 1, will still meet P. R. T.'s immediate needs.

Delay Means Higher Fare

"If, on the contrary, P. R. T. waits longer for city consent and then files its tariff to become effective under the thirty days' later, P. R. T.'s accumulating deficit will by that time be too great to be overcome by the five-cent fare without transfers or exchanges, so that P. R. T. is further delayed in avoiding bankruptcy, be then forced to file its new tariff for a still higher fare.

Councilman's consent, if granted tomorrow, September 8, will, be understood, make possible the necessary amendment of the Public Service Commission, enabling P. R. T. to file its temporary tariff for a five-cent fare without transfers or exchanges to become effective on October 1.

P. R. T. men and management have been at the situation, and now ask the Mayor to say the affirmative word which seems necessary at once to secure councilman's consent.

Respectfully,

"T. E. MITTEN,"

Mayor Not Responsible

Commenting on the letter, the Mayor said:

"I see no reason why this letter should not be published. You will observe that there is nothing in the letter which is not true. It is published this morning that the Mayor will be responsible for the failure of rapid transit, a statement that is absurd on its face."

## THEY'RE STILL BITING

But Latest Prospective Victim of Old Spanish Swindle Doesn't

The old Spanish swindle has bobbed up again in the form of a new scheme, the prospect of which has been discussed in the Twenty-ninth Ward Business Men's and Taxpayers' Association, living at 2728 Chestnut avenue, recently in the "poor prisoner" in a Spanish dungeon.

It will only take \$300,000 to get the prisoner out, and confident that money can be raised, the prospect of the money-blandly compliments Mr. Magnin by asking him to send the money to Ernesto Mendez, Ariondas, Asturias, Spain, who is the prisoner.

When the prisoner gets out he promises to return all the money with \$120,000 interest. It is to be sent with an account in return, he suggests, and no time must be wasted in correspondence.

Mr. Magnin suggests "they must be biting, or the swindlers would not keep it up."

## WOMAN THIEF A LUNATIC

Hearing Develops She Had Escaped From Hospital

Millie Bushaue, alias Malina Burcerone, Passyunk avenue, near Fifteenth street, was recommitted to the Philadelphia Hospital for the Insane late Saturday afternoon after she had escaped from a department store.

Magistrate Carson today made public the facts regarding the woman's arrest and commitment to the hospital.

Asked if he did not think an attack by Mr. Develin on the Municipal Court item would cause considerable tilting, he said:

"He will be within his rights. As for Mr. Gaffney and his 'earmarking' policy, I do not think he is in tenable ground there. The situation may require some projects, but they are satisfied the Department of Public Works will act fairly in the matter."

"South Philadelphia is being well cared for by the loan, anyhow. That section gets an \$800,000 item for the improvement of Delaware avenue south of Snyder avenue."

## BOSTON BANK CLOSED

Affairs of Fidelity Trust Taken Over by State Commissioner

Boston, Sept. 28.—(By A. P.)—Bank Commissioner Joseph C. Allen today took over the affairs of the Fidelity Trust Co. His action marked the closing of the sixth banking institution in this city within two months. The others were the Hanover Trust Co., which was a director and largest individual depositor; the Prudential and Cosmopolitan Trust Cos., and two small private banks.

The capital of the Fidelity is \$3,000,000, and according to the latest available statement of the company, had a surplus of \$18,000,000. James G. Ferguson, its president, is affiliated with several other financial and industrial institutions, as is Edwin T. Knight, the vice president. The latter is president of the state Senate.

The Fidelity Trust Co. was one of three banks which yesterday invoked the law requiring ninety days' notice for withdrawal of savings deposits.

## CLEANING STRIKE OVER

End of the street cleaners' strike was announced today by Senator Edw. H. Ware. Today every team "own is out," he said, "and the backbone of the strike is broken. We expect to have no further trouble in cleaning the streets. Fifty men were turned out this morning from each of the three stables when they asked for employment. The street cleaning situation is now normal."

## MODJESKI HERE TODAY

Ralph A. Modjeski, chairman of the engineering commission selected to design and determine the final cost of the Delaware River bridge, is in the city today. He will confer with George S. Weber, chief of the Bureau of Surveys, who is also a member of the engineering commission, to outline a plan of procedure. It is expected that the appointment of assistants will be discussed.

## Woman Candidate Offers to Do 'Chores' for Voters

Mrs. Catherine Greenbaum Willing to Wash Dishes While Newly Enfranchised Citizens Cast First Ballots in Camden

"I'll help you wash your dishes if you'll turn out and vote."

This was the novel campaign appeal made in Camden's primary election today by Mrs. Catherine Greenbaum, of 336 Kaighn avenue, candidate for the Democratic councilmanic nomination in the Fifth ward.

Long before 7 o'clock this morning, the hour of the opening of the polls, Mrs. Greenbaum and two women assistants were busy canvassing houses in the ward.

"I'm going to get every woman voter I possibly can to the polls," she said. "As a special inducement, I'll wash dishes and I offer to help the housewives finish washing their dishes or sweeping to enable them to exercise their new-found privilege."

Their First Vote

Women are voting for the first time in New Jersey today.

For them it is a primary election in the fullest sense of the word, and hundreds were on hand in Camden, Jersey at 7 o'clock this morning when the polls opened.

Rain, which began in a steady drizzle shortly before 7 o'clock, had no effect on the women's enthusiasm over their new-found civic rights.

They bundled up in mackintoshes and goshoses and entered upon their duty as voters in a businesslike fashion.

Certain chivalrous politicians were on hand bright and early with automobiles, in which they conveyed the women voters to the polls and home again.

Mrs. Hannah Ellis, eighty-nine years old, mother of Mayor Charles H. Ellis, voted this afternoon with her son at the fifth division polling place of the Second ward.

Mrs. Margaret Stackhouse, eighty-seven years old, of 304 Penn street, mother of Recorder Stackhouse, also voted this afternoon at the first division polling place of the First ward. Both women are Republicans.

She's Against Prohibition

Mrs. Millie Evans, of 663 Royden street, was the first woman to register September 14 at the third division polling place of the Ninth ward, and was the first to vote today.

Mrs. Evans declared against prohibition.

"Liquor is all right in its place," she said. "It is necessary to have licenses and control liquor than to have illegal traffic dealing in poisonous stuff in quantities that make prohibition a joke."

Mrs. Mary Kiehl, of 530 South Sixth street, who also voted at the third division of the Ninth ward, also exercised her franchise.

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## VARE'S TO DEMAND LOAN BILL CHANGES

Gaffney Will Lead Fight in Council, but Moore Men Expect Victory

HALL WANTS PARKS ITEM

The Vare minority in Council is preparing to break a lance on the \$30,000,000 loan bill today, but administration members are confident they can rally the required fourteen votes for the big improvement measure.

Councilman Gaffney, whose \$30,000,000 loan bill was discarded, will lead the minority's battle. Gaffney objects to the administration bill because it does not "earmark" a \$500,000 item for the Bigler and Packer streets sewers.

Councilman Hall, seventh ward Vare leader, wants \$800,000 set aside for parks and playgrounds in the central section. He also wants the area between Juniper and Filbert streets closed as the site for a proposed City Hall annex.

With minority opposition centered on those proposed items omitted from the administration's bill, the situation is further complicated by Councilman Develin's objection to a \$1,000,000 item for a wing of Judge Brown's municipal court "palace."

Compromise May Result

A majority of the administration members and all of the Vare councilmen are believed to favor the Municipal Court item. The situation may result in a last-minute compromise as skirmishing brings out the strength or weakness of Judge Brown's plan.

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## MOTORIST PLUNGES OFF BANK TO DEATH

Lansdowne Man Loses Way on Unlighted Road at 66th St. and Overbrook Avenue

FOG HELPS CAUSE TRAGEDY

Michael Gibbons, thirty-five years old, Schappert terrace, Lansdowne, was killed instantly early today when his automobile plunged over a thirty-foot cliff at Sixty-sixth street and Overbrook avenue.

The accident occurred about 12:30 o'clock. Gibbons was returning to his home after a visit to Philadelphia. He was driving his machine north on Sixty-sixth street and missed the sharp left-hand turn at Overbrook avenue because of the absence of lights and a dense fog.

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## EXPRESS CARS DERAILED

No One Injured in P. & R. Accident at Tenth and Diamond Streets

Several American Railway Express cars on the 12-20 a. m. express from the Reading Terminal for New York left the rails at Tenth and Diamond streets a few minutes after the train had started.

Two of the cars were overturned, but no one was hurt. There were several coaches and a sleeper attached to this train, which is mainly made up of express cars, but none of the passenger coaches was overturned. The fact that traffic is light at the time the derailment occurred prevented a tie-up of service. The cause of the accident has not been learned.

## OPPOSES STOCKYARDS SALE

Palmer Asserts Packers' Plan Violates Sherman Anti-Trust Law

Washington, Sept. 28.—(By A. P.)—Objections to the entire plan suggested by the "big five" Chicago meat packers for disposition of their stockyard interests were filed by the Department of Justice today in the District of Columbia Supreme Court.

To sanction the proposal of the packers to dispose of their stockyard interests to a holding company to be known as the Chicago Stockyard Co., of Chicago, would mean a sanctioning of a violation of the Sherman and other anti-trust laws, Attorney General Palmer declared in a formal statement.

## FIERCE ELECTRIC STORM

Enginehouse Struck by Bolt and Great Damage Done

Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 28.—A severe electrical storm swept over this region last night, doing great damage, washing out streets and late crops. At the Pottsville engine house, the building was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

More than 350 owners are rendered homeless. The operation is owned by the Harleigh Brookwood Coal Co. Only heavy rains prevented the flames from spreading.

## DAVID—THE GREATEST OF THE GREAT LOVERS

David—The Greatest of the Great Lovers, in D. W. Griffith's "Way Down East," Chestnut Street Opera House, today—8:45.

## BERGDOLL JURY OUT; TOLD BOTH BOYS DESERTED

Judge, in Charge, Knocks Out "Rubber-Stamp" Defense of Alleged Plotters

"MOTHER LOVE" NOT ISSUE, IS COURT'S INSTRUCTION

Dickinson Declares Talesmen Must Prove Justice Is Still Living Thing in U. S.

Maximum Bergdoll Penalty 36 Years

The maximum penalties that could be inflicted upon the defendants upon conviction on all the indictments found against them are:

Thirty-six years and \$50,000 for Mrs. Bergdoll.

Thirty-four years and \$34,000 for Romig.

Eleven years and \$20,000 for Braun.

Five years and \$12,000 each for Mitchell and Schuh.



## EXPECT MISS VARE'S BODY

Senator's Wife Is in San Francisco to Meet Ship on Saturday

Senator Edwin H. Vare today received a telegram notifying him that the body of Miss Ida May Vare, daughter of Congressman Vare, would arrive at San Francisco on the steamship Madawaska on Saturday next. Miss Vare died in Pekin, China, while accompanying her father on the congressional tour to the Orient.

The wire was sent to the senator by Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the Pennsylvania workmen's compensation board, who is in San Francisco in connection with a meeting of compensation board executives of the country.

According to Mr. Mackey, Mrs. Edwin H. Vare, Mrs. James Hazlett, wife of the recorder of deeds, and Balfour Heman, who was the fiancée of Miss Vare, have arrived at San Francisco and are to take the body of the ship. The party will return east with the body on a special Pullman car.

## PARDON ARRIVES TOO LATE

Death Cheats Convict of Freedom Granted by Governor

New York, Sept. 28.—Warden Lawes, a Sing Sing prisoner, was told over the phone late yesterday afternoon that Governor Smith had granted a pardon to Isadore Berman, who had served nine months and ten days of a two-year sentence for attempting to bribe a juror.

Prison Chaplain Cashin went into the hospital, where Berman had been a patient for five months with serious heart trouble, to tell him the good news.

"The pardon is being brought down by a special messenger," said the chaplain, "and you will be released as soon as it gets here. Your brother is waiting outside to take you home."

The hospital attendants at once lifted Berman from his bed and began to dress him for the journey back to New York.

There was not quite as big a crowd as during the earlier days of the trial. The court was comfortably filled, however, when Judge Dickinson came in prepared to instruct the jury.

The jurors took their places quietly.

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## MRS. LONG TO QUIT INASMUCH MISSION

Says She Cannot Continue Under 'Commercializing' Plan of New Management

The Inasmuch Mission, which for years has sheltered derelicts, fed them, and ministered to their spiritual wants, will pass out of the hands of Mrs. Edna Long, wife of the late George Long, the founder. Mrs. Long will sever her connection with the institution on October 1.

A new management, that of the Octavia Hill Association, will at that time assume full charge of everything except the religious meetings. Downcast and discouraged, Mrs. Long will leave.

Arthur Strigley, of the board of directors of the Octavia Hill Association, upon the other hand, declared relations with Mrs. Long are most cordial, and there is no reason why she should not remain.

Mrs. Long declared today that the mission, with its fine new building at 1011 Locust street, will, under the new management, lose touch with the poor and the drifters; it will no longer really be a mission.

"I could not remain under those conditions," she said. "My spiritual nature would make it impossible, even were I willing. And it would forever ruin my influence among the class of people with whom I have labored for years. No, I must go."

"This building is the property of Dr. George Woodward. For nine years I have worked here, and Mr. Long and myself did our best with those who applied to us until his death a year ago. Then, I wanted to continue the work."

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## HOUSE BONUS BILL INDORSED BY LEGION

Gives Unqualified Support to Fourfold Plan—Will Be Urged on Senate

Cleveland, Sept. 28.—The second day's session of the second annual convention of the American Legion got under way here this morning.

The first official action of the national commander was the appointment of David J. McCoy, of San Francisco, as sergeant-at-arms.

The chair then announced that debate upon any subject would be limited to five minutes for each speaker and that no two delegates from any one department could take the floor on any one subject.

The report of the committee on adjutant compensation said that the American Legion gives its unqualified approval of the bill, providing for:

First, adjusted service pay, based on length of service or second adjusted service certificates maturing in twenty years, based on length of service, or, third, vocational training or, fourth, farm or home allotment, or fifth, land settlement, which passed the House last session.

The report also approved the action of the national executive committee and the national legislative committee in formulating and presenting this adjusted compensation legislation to Congress and directed the national executive committee to take such action as it may deem necessary to insure prompt passage of the bill. A motion for adjournment was carried.

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## QUICK BERGDOLL VERDICT, JUDGE IS TOLD

At 1:17 o'clock this afternoon the jury considering the Bergdoll conspiracy case notified Judge Dickinson they would reach a verdict in a short time and would not take lunch.

## TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

First Aqueduct, three-year-olds and up, claiming, purse \$1002.66, 1 mile—Dark Hill, 107, Enser, 3-1, even, 1-2, first; Lovely, 97, Mooney, 7-2, 6-5, 1-2, second; Aurum, 112, Kummer, 12-1, 4-1, 2-1, third. Time, 1:30 4-5. Frank Waters, Lottery, Toastool, Salute, Favour, Burgoys also ran.

## CONTESTS IN TWO MEXICAN STATES SETTLED

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 28.—Contests over governmental control of the states of Michoacan and Aguas Calientes apparently have been settled. Victoriano Medina took over the reins of government yesterday morning at Aguas Calientes as governor ad interim after Jose de Lara had exercised power for several days. The latter was accorded the support of General Martin Triana.

## WILSON, IN LETTER, ENTERS CAMPAIGN

Chicago Pitcher Says He Doesn't Know Billy Maharg, Who Accuses Him

Repeats Questionnaire on League and Answers Given Year Ago

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Eddie Cicotte, White Sox pitcher, who, according to a story told in Philadelphia last night by Billy Maharg, former boxer, was involved in a \$100,000 plot to lose the world's series last year, denied today that he had ever met Maharg.

Cicotte, according to Maharg's story, met him and Billy Burns, former ball player, in the latter's room in a New York hotel and offered "through" the series if \$100,000 were paid him by Burns.

"I would not know Maharg if I saw him," Cicotte said today. "I do not recall ever having met him. He may have been introduced to me the same as any other fan, but I do not remember him."

"Bill" Burns called at the Ansonia Hotel in New York. He did not talk to me long, but conversed with other members of the team. While I was with him he was making arrangements for a hunting trip with Bill James, a talk of the world's series being fixed is all a joke. I know nothing of it."

"According to the story Cicotte told me, Maharg, Maharg's name was on the deal," Maharg is quoted as saying. "They were the men whose names have been most prominently connected with the Chicago grand jury investigation."

"Thousands and thousands of dollars were made on the series, but the men who engineered the deal were 'double-crossed' and got left out in the cold," Maharg is quoted as saying. "They were the men whose names have been most prominently connected with the Chicago grand jury investigation."

"Furthermore, I'll see that every player implicated is fired from organized baseball forever," he said.

## WILSON, IN LETTER, ENTERS CAMPAIGN

Washington, Sept. 28.—The first public document in the present presidential campaign to be issued at the White House was made public today. It dealt with the League of Nations and was in the form of a letter to E. M. Swartz, of Los Angeles, written by Secretary Tumulty at President Wilson's direction.

The White House letter was in reply to one to the President in which Mr. Swartz had declared the forces supporting the Republican ticket were contending for the article X of the league covenant was ratified the United States "would be bound to support England in holding Ireland under subjection."

The letter to Mr. Swartz follows:

"In reply to your letter of the 20th of September, I beg to say that the identical questions contained in your letter, with reference to Article X and the right of self-determination, found in the covenant of the League of Nations, were placed before the President while he was on his western trip last year and fully answered by him.

Questions and Answers

"The President directs me to call your attention to the following questions and answers given by him to the press at that time which I think satisfactorily answer your inquiries. The questions and answers are as follows:

"Q. Under the covenant does the nation obligate itself to assist in the rebellion of its subjects or conquered peoples?

"A. It does not."

"Q. Under the covenant can this nation independently recognize a government whose people seek to achieve or have achieved their independence from a member of the League of Nations?

"A. The independent action of the government of the United States in a matter of this kind is in no way limited or affected by the covenant of the League of Nations.

"Q. Under the covenant are those subject nations or peoples only that are mentioned in the peace treaty entitled to the right of self-determination, or does the league possess the right to accord a similar privilege to other subject nations or peoples?

"A. It was not possible for the Peace Conference to determine the right of self-determination of any territories except those which had belonged to the defeated empires, but in the covenant of the League of Nations, the right of self-determination is extended to all peoples who are likely to be affected by the peace and freedom of the world."

"It was a year ago today when President Wilson ended his transcontinental trip in defense of the league and returned to the White House a sick and broken man.

Forum for Whole World

"Q. Why was the case of Ireland not heard at the Peace Conference? And what is your opinion on the subject of self-determination of Ireland?"

"A. The case of Ireland was not heard at the Peace Conference because the Peace Conference had no jurisdiction over any question of that sort which did not affect territories which belonged to the defeated empires."

"My position on the subject of self-determination for Ireland is expressed in Article XI of the covenant, in which I may say I was particularly interested, because it seemed to me necessary for the peace and freedom of the world that a forum should be created to which all peoples should be entitled to matter of self-determination. It was my intention that all claims of self-determination which are likely to disturb the peace of the world or the good understanding between nations should be brought to the peace of the world depends, can be brought."

## BROOKLYN GETS FIRST WORLD'S SERIES GAME

National Commission Reverses Decision at Request of Cleveland Club's President

Chicago, Sept. 28.—The National Commission today reversed its decision yesterday and decided to open the world's series at Brooklyn on October 5, playing three games there.

The change was made at the request of Jim Duggan, president of the Cleveland club, who asked more time to prevent the Cleveland grounds in the event his team should win the American League pennant.

The teams will travel on October 5 and open in the American League city winning the pennant, either Cleveland or Chicago, on October 3, for a four-game series.

Brooklyn wins the eighth game, on October 14, and will also get the ninth game, if one is necessary, as the National League yesterday won the toss for the final game. If a ninth game is played, however, it will be on October 15, instead of October 16, as the day's intermission for traveling has been eliminated.

## ATHLETICS IDLE TODAY

Mackmen Will Play Double-Header With Yankees Tomorrow

"Babe" Ruth was deprived of the opportunity of increasing his home-run record at Shibe Park today.

The "Babe" socked a couple yesterday and the fans who failed to get to the game were prepared to do so today, but the well-known rain stepped in and made everything all wet.

"That being the case, today's game was called off and a double bill will be staged tomorrow."

## THIEVES GET \$700 WHISKY

Load It on Motortruck and Try to Get Steered Load

Whisky valued at \$700 was stolen by thieves who entered the bottling establishment of Mrs. Amanda Miller, at 23 West Chelton avenue, early this morning.

The whisky, in twenty-three cases, was loaded on a motortruck, being one of Mrs. Miller's, but it was abandoned because the thieves were unable to start the truck.

## BALTIMORE VIEWS HARDING AS NEXT PRESIDENT OF U. S.

Crowds Regard Election in Same Light as if Election Had Been Won

Speaks to Audience of 20,000 in Armory

Attacks Wilson for Failure to Provide Machinery to Aid Reconstruction

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent, Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co. Baltimore, Sept. 28.—Senator Harding opened his campaign away from his front porch in triumphant fashion. More than twenty thousand people gathered in the Fifth Regiment Armory here to listen to him.

The crowd rose to its feet and cheered him for several minutes when he came upon the platform. It waited in the heat through the speeches of local celebrities, whose words it could not hear in a vast hall constructed not for an auditorium, but for the drilling of soldiers. It gave the senator a great ovation when his time to speak came and listened patiently though not more than half of it could hear.

The reception which Harding got here and along the road had one curious quality. Men do not come out to see Senator Harding, the person, nor the Republican candidate. Everywhere you hear them ask for, or speak of, "the next President." They do not use these terms in the fashion politicians commonly use them to express confidence in their party's success.

To the crowds who come to see "the next President" the election is as good as over. The result is taken for granted. The people want to see him and hear him, not because his personality attracts them, as Roosevelt used to, and not merely to listen to a pettin and judge him, but because in a few months he will be in the White House.

Soon to be President

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## WILSON, IN LETTER, ENTERS CAMPAIGN

Chicago Pitcher Says He Doesn't Know Billy Maharg, Who Accuses Him

Repeats Questionnaire on League and Answers Given Year Ago

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Eddie Cicotte, White Sox pitcher, who, according to a story told in Philadelphia last night by Billy Maharg, former boxer, was involved in a \$100,000 plot to lose the world's series last year, denied today that he had ever met Maharg.

Cicotte, according to Maharg's story, met him and Billy Burns, former ball player, in the latter's room in a New York hotel and offered "through" the series if \$100,000 were paid him by Burns.

"I would not know Maharg if I saw him," Cicotte said today. "I do not recall ever having met him. He may have been introduced to me the same as any other fan, but I do not remember him."

"Bill" Burns called at the Ansonia Hotel in New York. He did not talk to me long, but conversed with other members of the team. While I was with him he was making arrangements for a hunting trip with Bill James, a talk of the world's series being fixed is all a joke. I know nothing of it."

"According to the story Cicotte told me, Maharg, Maharg's name was on the deal," Maharg is quoted as saying. "They were the men whose names have been most prominently connected with the Chicago grand jury investigation."

"Thousands and thousands of dollars were made on the series, but the men who engineered the deal were 'double-crossed' and got left out in the cold," Maharg is quoted as saying. "They were the men whose names have been most prominently connected with the Chicago grand jury investigation."

"Furthermore, I'll see that every player implicated is fired from organized baseball forever," he said.

## WILSON, IN LETTER, ENTERS CAMPAIGN

Washington, Sept. 28.—The first public document in the present presidential campaign to be issued at the White House was made public today. It dealt with the League of Nations and was in the form of a letter to E. M. Swartz, of Los Angeles, written by Secretary Tumulty at President Wilson's direction.

The White House letter was in reply to one to the President in which Mr. Swartz had declared the forces supporting the Republican ticket were contending for the article X of the league covenant was ratified the United States "would be bound to support England in holding Ireland under subjection."

The letter to Mr. Swartz follows:

"In reply to your letter of the 20th of September, I beg to say that the identical questions contained in your letter, with reference to Article X and the right of self-determination, found in the covenant of the League of Nations, were placed before the President while he was on his western trip last year and fully answered by him.

Questions and Answers

"The President directs me to call your attention to the following questions and answers given by him to the press at that time which I think satisfactorily answer your inquiries. The questions and answers are as follows:

"Q. Under the covenant does the nation obligate itself to assist in the rebellion of its subjects or conquered peoples?

"A. It does not."

"Q. Under the covenant can this nation independently recognize a government whose people seek to achieve or have achieved their independence from a member of the League of Nations?

"A. The independent action of the government of the United States in a matter of this kind is in no way limited or affected by the covenant of the League of Nations.

"Q. Under the covenant are those subject nations or peoples only that are mentioned in the peace treaty entitled to the right of self-determination, or does the league possess the right to accord a similar privilege to other subject nations or peoples?

"A. It was not